



SustiNet is a common-sense approach to solving Connecticut's health care crisis.

Incorporating ideas gathered from around the state over the past two years, it was passed by both houses of the Connecticut legislature and will be transmitted to Governor Rell for signature in June of 2009.

SustiNet is supported by AARP, the American Cancer Society, the AFL-CIO, the Connecticut Association of Realtors, the Connecticut Catholic Conference, the Connecticut State Medical Society and a broad network of other Connecticut organizations.

Hailed as "landmark" legislation by the Hartford Courant, and a "wise" approach by the Connecticut Post, SustiNet

- gives Connecticut a competitive edge in winning federal resources
- puts Connecticut ahead of the curve in tackling the three key health care challenges: controlling cost, expanding access and improving health
- offers a defining opportunity to put Connecticut front and center in the push for quality, affordable health care we can all count on

Summer 2009: Board, task forces, and committees begin work

SustiNet immediately creates

- 9 person SustiNet Health Partnership Board to design and establish procedures to implement the SustiNet Plan
- 4 committees focusing on information technology, medical homes, health care providers, and preventive care
- 3 task forces on obesity, tobacco use, and the health care workforce

The board, committees, and task forces work to design the most effective and efficient SustiNet Plan that is universal, continuous in coverage, and affordable to individuals, families, and the state.

To design the SustiNet Plan, the board will make recommendations about how best to

- Contract with insurers that offer the best networks for participating providers
- Solicit bids from health care providers and provider organizations to ensure high quality care
- Commission surveys of consumers, employers, and providers on the most important issues
- Consult with medical professionals, attorneys, actuaries, underwriters, technical specialists, bio-ethicists, and other experts

The Board must also present a proposal to the legislature within 60 days of the enactment of federal health care reform.

January 1, 2011: The SustiNet Health Partnership Board submits a bill to the legislature detailing the implementation of the SustiNet Plan and addressing how best to

- Design the SustiNet plan to improve health, quality of care, and access to care; and to slow the growth of health care spending
- Establish action plans for the effective management of chronic illness and implementation of preventive care, and the reduction of racial and ethnic disparities
- Assure adequate provider networks so that SustiNet Plan members have timely access to high quality care
- Set payment methods for health care providers that promote access to care and patient health and cover the cost of care
- Establish a range of benefit, premium and cost-sharing options for SustiNet Plan members
- Evaluate options for insuring that both healthy and sick people will have access to affordable coverage
- Structure governance and administration for the oversight and implementation of the SustiNet Plan
- Secure private and public revenue sources, including how to maximize federal reimbursement

July 1, 2012: Enrollment begins

By July 1, 2012, employees of small businesses, employees of nonprofits, municipalities, retirees, dependents, those who are not offered employer-sponsored insurance, as well as HUSKY Parts A/B, Medicaid, and SAGA participants, will all be able to enroll in SustiNet.



For more information on SustiNet: www.healthcare4everyone.org/SustiNet or (203) 639-0550 x 314

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